

FLAGLER'S FAITH IN FLORIDA

New York Comment on His Retirement from Presidency of His Railroad

The following letter from the New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Public Ledger will be read with interest in Florida:

Henry M. Flagler, in yielding the presidency of the Florida East Coast railway to one of his subordinates, makes indirect announcement that he regards a work upon which he has been occupied for fifteen years as completed. Mr. Flagler is accustomed to return from his winter home, Whitehall, Palm Beach, Fla., about the first of May, occupying for a short time his home in Fifth avenue in this city, and after the season of May rains are over he takes up his summer home at Mamaroneck, on Long Island sound, about twenty miles north of New York city.

The other day at a celebration at Norfolk, Va., in honor of the completion of Henry H. Rogers' tidewater railroad it was said that Mr. Rogers is the only American who built with his own credit and money a railroad of any length, for Commodore Vanderbilt did not build the New York Central system, although he lent the money with which its four tracks were expanded to a six-track system.

There was a curious oversight in this statement, especially curious in view of the fact that another American, for many years a business associate of Mr. Rogers, had constructed with his own funds a railway system 200 miles longer than Mr. Rogers' tidewater railroad, and a system involving unique, unparalleled railway construction, since for many miles the bed of the railway is supported by viaducts built upon the coral reefs that surround the coast of Florida to the south.

Mr. Flagler's venture is believed to have been more expensive than that by which Mr. Rogers now makes through communication from thesea to some of the coal fields of West Virginia.

Mr. Flagler, while companionable in one way, nevertheless seems to prefer retirement, while Mr. Rogers rejoices in good company. In one sense he is more democratic than Mr. Rogers, often finding pleasure with plain men, with the workingmen and artisans who ride in the smoking car between New York and Mamaroneck. In his 79th year he steps aside from the presidency of his Florida East coast railroad, but he goes on with the plans said to involve considerable investment in Cuba and probably some kind of association with the Cuban system of railroads, at least the railroad that stretches from Havana to the eastern end of the island.

Mr. Rogers' railroad is understood to have cost, directly and indirectly, about \$20,000,000. Mr. Flagler's Florida system represents a larger investment than that of his hotel properties he included. Rich a man as Mr. Flagler is, it has been the judgment of business men of New York city that he has invested the greater part of his fortune in this railway system and in the development of southern Florida.

What that development may be is illustrated by the experience of a man of capital of this city a few years ago. A railroad was projected in southern Florida, and the promoters relied upon the security of bond and mortgage placed upon many thousand acres of land, which was in the ownership of these promoters. A charter was obtained from the state of Florida. Some money, about \$300,000, was borrowed in this city, the late Senator Calvin S. Brice and Gen. Samuel Thomas standing as sponsors for the loan. The project came to naught. The loan was carried by an institution in hope that some day there might be a realization of perhaps 50 per cent upon it.

A proposition was made to a competent man that he undertake to dispose of this railroad and the lands. He did make such disposition of the railroad's charter and right of way as to enable Mr. Flagler to bring it into his Florida East Coast system. The negotiations with Mr. Flagler had been completed only a few days

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PROBING CHARACTER.

A Test That Told the Young Woman All She Wanted to Know.

"Mr. Gunbolt, I am pleased to make your acquaintance," said Miss Greenscout, a debutante of the season.

"The pleasure rests upon my shoulders entirely," answered Gunbolt, a young man of considerable consequence to himself.

"I just heard you are from Hanktown."

"Yes, I lived there for several years, but the place got too slow for me. I had to move to a larger city."

"I suppose we have some mutual friends then," continued Miss Greenscout. "You know I visited in Hanktown several summers ago. I suppose you know Dollie Wrinkle, whose father owns a hardware store?"

"Sure! Dollie was one of my old sweethearts."

"Is that so? What a coincidence! Let me see, what street was it Dollie lived upon?"

"Out on Chestnut," replied Gunbolt.

"No, indeed, you are mistaken. Mr. Gunbolt, it was Walnut street. I can remember perfectly the stately mansion with the magnificent yard and the beautiful walnut trees surrounding the home."

"I beg your pardon, but my impression is that it was Chestnut. Probably the family has moved?"

"No, it was Walnut. Dollie told me that she had lived in the house all her life. You see, I visited at the place and ought to know. She was so sweet. Wasn't it too bad about her mother dying?"

"Is her mother dead?" queried Gunbolt, feigning surprise. "She must have passed away after I left."

"Why, what do you mean? She died when Dollie was an infant. Really, Mr. Gunbolt, I don't believe you ever knew Dollie Wrinkle."

"Well, to tell the truth, Miss Greenscout, I never heard of her until you mentioned her name just now, and I didn't even know Hanktown was on the map."

"That's my situation exactly," responded the debutante supremely. "I just wanted to get an insight into your character before our friendship went too far. Goodby."

—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

A Bad Lot.

Gibbs (visiting)—What sort of neighbors have you here?

Dibbs—A bad lot. There's a blacksmith who's engaged in forging, a carpenter who's done some counter fitting and a couple of fellows next door who sell iron and steel for a living.

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The common house fly is an instance in point. It has been computed that one fly in March is represented by 300 on the 24th of April, and by August that number has been squared twice, making the total progeny amount to the appalling number of 8,100,000,000.

The house fly lays eggs, the flesh fly or bluebottle produces living larvae. Supposing a female to produce fifty young, a very small estimate, and half of these to be females, a single season would see one bluebottle turn into 508,000,000 of flesh devouring insects.

What a merciful thing it is that we have so many allies in the shape of birds and wasps and flying eating insects, who combine to keep down our enemy, the fly.

Nearly all insects increase rapidly. The queen bee will lay eggs at the rate of 300 an hour, but even she cannot compete with the termite, the so called white ant. The queen termite has been known to lay 84,000 eggs a day and to keep up an average of 80,000 a day for the whole of the laying season, which lasts about a month.

The life of the queen bee is, however, longer than that of the termite. She lives and goes on laying for four or five summers and in her lifetime lays at least a million and a half of eggs.

All who have gardens know what a pest the green fly, or aphid, becomes. It seems to cover rose trees like magic.

The aphid is, in one way, the most startling of all forms of insect life, for, although the females can and do lay eggs, its usual method of increase is by a sort of budding process, the young growing on the bodies of the parents exactly as brussels sprouts grow out of the stalk of the plant.

The old produce young at the rate of twenty-five a day, and as the young are at once mature each can produce its twenty-five on the following day.

It positively frightens one to work this multiplication out to a conclusion, for it means this: Supposing that the aphid could increase and multiply without interference, the twenty-fifth generation would be a number too long to quote here. Put down a one and follow it with twenty-eight naughts, and you will be within a few millions of it.

But fish are the champion egg layers. The average number of eggs in a halibut is 3,500,000, while a good sized cod may contain as many as 9,000,000. A small one pound sole has been found to have 134,000 eggs.

Of land animals the rabbit holds the palm for rapid increase. A rabbit breeds seven times a year, producing about eight young at a time.

It will be seen, therefore, that the bird as egg layer comes last of all. Indeed, the poor, common or garden hen, whose eggs are those we most esteem, is left hopelessly out of nature's egg laying race.—Baltimore Sun.

He Almost Remembered It.

Donald had returned from a visit to the country and was full of reminiscences of persons and things that had interested him. "I met a boy, mamma," he said, "that had the queerest name I ever heard. He said his folks found it in the Old Testament. It was—it was—let me see—yes, it was Father William or William Father. I've forgotten just now which. But it was one or the other."

"But, Donald," said his mother, "there is no such name as Father William or William Father in the Old Testament."

"Are you sure, mamma?"

"I certainly am, dear. I have read it through several times. William is a comparatively modern name. It isn't anywhere in the Bible."

"Well, but—oh, I remember now!" exclaimed Donald. "It was Bildad!"—Youth's Companion.



The Tenderfoot Farmer

It was one of these experimental farmers, who put green spectacles on his cow and fed her shavings. His theory was that it didn't matter what the cow ate so long as she was fed. The questions of digestion and nourishment had not entered into his calculations.

It's only a "tenderfoot" farmer that would try such an experiment with a cow. But many a farmer feeds himself regardless of digestion and nutrition. He might almost as well eat shavings for all the good he gets out of his food. The result is that the stomach grows "weak," the action of the organs of digestion and nutrition are impaired and the man suffers the miseries of dyspepsia and the agonies of nervousness.

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